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## **Sen. Hardiman to read to Grand Rapids students Monday**

- Who:** Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, and students of Harrison Park Elementary School.
- What:** March is Reading Month and the senator is visiting local schools and reading to students. He also will talk about the importance of reading and about his job in the Michigan Senate.
- When:** 11 a.m., Monday, March 1
- Where:** Harrison Park Elementary School  
1440 Davis Ave. NW  
Grand Rapids
- Briefing:** Children who love to read love to learn and enjoy greater success in other subjects as well. But students who cannot read well are more likely to drop out of school and end up working in lower-paying jobs. Millions of Americans struggle with the written word and this frustration develops at an early age. According to the U.S. Department of Education, about 40 percent of students across our nation cannot read at their grade level.

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